

ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

R E P O R T
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year ending
31st. December 1944.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year
Ending DECEMBER 31st. 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to submit my Annual Report which covers the period 1st. January to 31st. December 1944.

As in previous war years, this is a condensed summary of conditions affecting the health of the district. Some of the particulars it has been usual to publish are naturally restricted, and while population figures are given, it is requested that they should not be published in the press.

My thanks are due to the Sanitary Inspector for his help during the year and in the preparation of this Report.

Section A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the District.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	1626
Residential Population (Registrar General's Figure)				...	4268
Number of Inhabited Houses	1256
Rateable Value		£26,653
Sum represented by a penny rate					£102-16-11

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Vital Statistics.

Births.

Legitimate - Male,	23;	Female,	35;)	Total	69.
Illegitimate -Male,	5;	Female,	3;)	Birthrate,	16.

Deaths.

Male,	25.	Female,	39.	Total	64.	Death-rate	14.
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Still Births.

Legitimate - Male,	1;	Female,	0;)	Total	1.
Illegitimate- Male,	0;	Female,	0;)	Still-birth-	
				rate	0.2.

Infant Mortality.

Legitimate - Male,	0;	Female,	1)	Total	1
Illegitimate Male,	0;	Female,	0)	Rate per 1000	
				births	14.5.

Infectious Diseases.

The following cases were notified:-

Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	6
Measles	...	...	2
Catarrhal Jaundice	..	...	1

The principal causes of death were:-

Disease of Heart & Circulation	...	29
" " Pulmonary Organs	...	9
Premature Births	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	2

There were no deaths from ordinary infectious diseases, nor connected with childbirth.

It has been a healthy year and the only blemish which prevents the results being first rate is that the deaths number nearly as many as the births. We still need more births to maintain a healthy population.

Section B.

General Provision of Health Services.

1. Public Health Officials:

(a) Medical.

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time officer holding a Diploma of Public Health.

(b) Sanitary.

The Sanitary Inspector holds a Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as a Sanitary Inspector and also as an Inspector of Meat and Foods.

(c) Clerical.

One male clerk.

Water Supply.

Water from the chalk is supplied to the whole of the district by the Royston Water Company. The supply is piped and of excellent quality, and no shortage has been experienced during the year.

Chemical and bacteriological analysis show the water to be of a high degree of organic purity and to be free from pathogenic organisms.

Sewerage and Drainage.

No buildings were connected to the sewerage system during the year.

Refuse Removal and Disposal.

Labour difficulties increased during the year, but the weekly collection of house and trade refuse was maintained.

The cost of collection and disposal rose to 14/1d. per ton.

The accumulation of tins at the Sewage Farm Tip has increased considerably, and with the acute shortage of labour, difficulties in keeping the tip in a reasonably sanitary condition have been very great.

The control of rats on the Sewage Farm and Tip was again carried out under agreement, by the Pests Officers of the Herts War Agricultural Executive Committee, and regular baiting and poisoning has been the means of keeping in check the rat population on these sites.

Salvage.

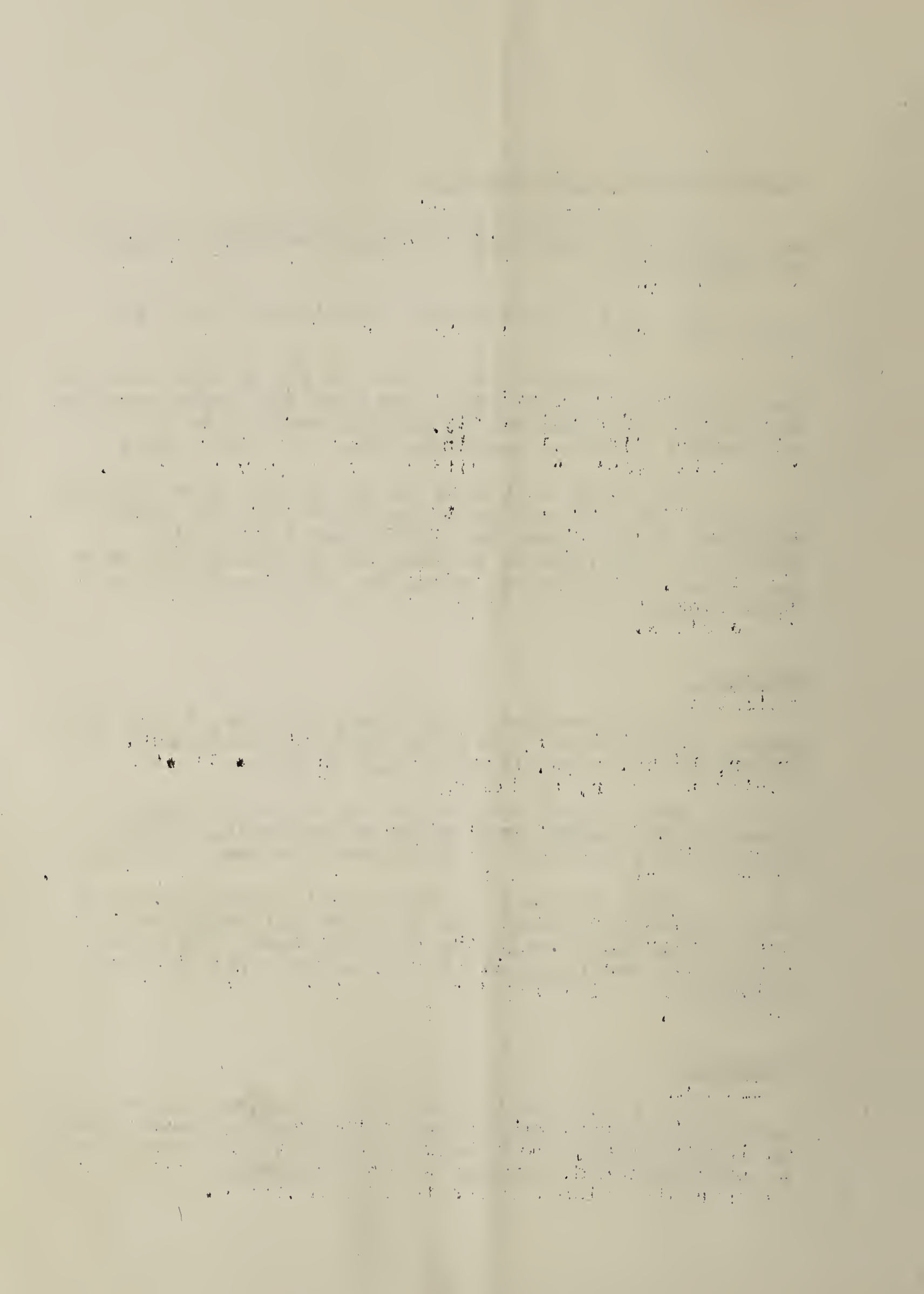
A total weight of 44 tons, 19 cwts, 1 qr. of paper, books, rags, metal and bones was collected during the year, realising a sum of £275.

The cost of collection and handling again exceeded the income from sales of material, though every effort was made to keep costs as low as possible.

There has been a marked fall in the amount of paper salvaged, though the need for salvaging paper, rags and bones is still as great as ever, and householders are still urged to save every scrap of these materials.

Housing.

No formal action under the Housing Acts was taken during the year, and 6 houses in Clearance Areas remain to be demolished. One house on which a Demolition Order is operative also remains to be demolished.



Informal action resulted in repairs being carried out to roofs, walls, floors etc.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk.

Two milk producers carry on business in the district, and three other dairymen obtain their milk from outside the area.

No Graded Milk is produced in the District.

Regular inspections of the farms and dairies were made and several repairs and alterations called for were done.

Sampling of the milk was periodically carried out and also samples were taken under the National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme.

Meat.

No slaughtering of animals is carried out in the district.

Other Foods.

Food shops, including Bakehouses, were visited, periodically and an increasing number of inspections made to examine tinned and other foods and the following foods were found unfit for human consumption and condemned and destroyed

Cheese	7½ lbs.	Herrings	28 stones.
Beef	28 lbs.	Cod Fish	54 lbs.
Shell Eggs	40	Plaice	10 st. 9 lbs.
Oranges	2½ cases.		

Tinned Foods:-

Chopped Ham, Pork Luncheon Meat,		
Corned Beef etc.		26.
Soups, Beans and Vegetables		24.
Salmon	8.	Pilchards 43.
Herrings	5.	Sardines 4.
Mackerel	1.	Meat & Fish
Jams & Fruits	34.	Pastes 3.
Lemon Curd	2.	Oats 2 pkts.
Evaporated Milk	34.	

Summary of the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Housing Acts and Public Health Acts etc.

The number of inspections carried out during the year are shown in the following summary.

Defects under the Housing Acts ...	49.
Defects under the Public Health Acts ...	123.
Defects under the Factory & Workshops Acts	4.
Prevention of Infectious Diseases ...	10.
Milk & Dairies Orders ...	72.
Food Shops & Stores ...	102.
Prevention of Nuisances ...	229.
House Drainage ...	24.
Supervision of Refuse Collection & Disposal	1265.
Supervision of Salvage ...	284.
Housing Management ...	421.
Rats & Mice Destruction ...	36.
Shops Acts 1934 ...	2.
Unclassified ...	301.

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I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) NORMAN MACFADYEN.

Medical Officer of Health.

